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Cladding work begins to make towers fire safe for residents

By George Welch

FIRE safety fears over two of Oxford's five high-rise tower blocks have been put to rest, as vital re-cladding work begins this week.

Oxford City Council announced last year it would replace the non-compliant ACM cladding on Grosvenor and Westbank Towers, both in Blackbird Leys, following the Grenfell disaster and subsequent government tests.

Work on non-combustible material on these two towers is scheduled to be completed in July.

Planned work on the three other towers in Oxford - Foresters (Wood Farm), Blackwires (Cowley) and Grosvenor (Northway) - has entered the final stage of re-cladding.

Cllr Mike Tunley, board member for housing at the city council, said:

"This will put to rest concerns about the safety of the tower blocks as residents will be reassured by the knowledge that their homes are now safe from the risk of fire safety as prescribed by the government."

Re-cladding began at the council residents' request. On work on the ground which saw the cladding installed under fire plans.

The report concluded there were no feelings in the council's tower blocks re-cladding plan, which was approved in November 2016, adding that cladding did not fire regulations were installed.

Since Grenfell, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service has conducted fire safety audits for each block and adopted fire safety measures for each.

The fire service has also confirmed that safety measures put in place by the council - including sprinklers, fire doors, heat and smoke detectors, warning and fire alarms in the cladding system - meet requirements.

Meanwhile, it has been revealed that the council's re-cladding plan has run £100 less over budget.

The local authority said it will continue to work with all five blocks, adding a further five after the Grosvenor block, which failed more than 70 people, and two.

Through additional works and costs, the work on all of the blocks has come to £111 million.

City council spokesman Mike Taylor told the newspaper "which means some additional work and costs across the five tower blocks re-cladding programme, which are expected to be completed by the end of the year. We will be working to ensure some of the additional £111,000 costs from that project."

The towers were built in the 1960s and average a total of 240 flats housing around 500 people.

Re-cladding work, which began in 2016, is expected to extend the life of the blocks by a minimum of 30 years.



Children given chance to play the fool

CHILDREN can unleash their silly sides and become court jesters at Oxford's first Fool School.

Oxford Castle will run the first of a series of workshops during February half term.

Youngsters can take lessons from a court jester on the arts of juggling, jousting, juggling and jousting.

The two-hour course ends with a royal feast, to end the Fool School.

School pupils can now a chuckle from the Castle's grumpy King of Queens.

Fool School is recommended for ages 5-10 years and is £7 per child.

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Work begins on 14 extra rooms at St Luke's Hospital

WORK has begun on the multi-million pound expansion of a specialist nursing home in Headington.

A new floor is being added to St Luke's Hospital, giving an extra 14 beds at a cost of around £1.5m.

The hospital's expansion for nursing patients to add the new floor was approved by the council in September 2010 and, on Thursday last week, construction began.

The decision to expand capacity was taken as many unmet needs for nursing patients at the hospital, designed in the 1970s, had fallen below the care required by modern standards.

Building work has been under way for a few weeks to replace bedrooms lost by upgrading the main, the hospital ward.

St Luke's is able to fill capacity to

support people who need respite care and rehabilitation services in a hospital or long-term residential care.

To avoid disturbing residents as much as possible, many elements of the new floor will be constructed in two phases. The first will be built off-site and lifted into place.

Once in place, improvements to bedrooms and facilities on the first floor will then be made as part of phase two of the development.

The whole project will end in the region of 12 to 18 months. The Trust said St Luke's is asking the public for their support, to help raise £1.5m towards the development, which will take a year to build.

Good news can be made at hospital, said a spokesman.



InBrief

Help raise hub cash

A COMMUNITY group is asking to convert several green spaces into a community hub, with a cost of nearly £100,000 in just 11 days.

Franklin Community Park and Community Tennis and Sports Association (CTSA) launched a crowdfunding campaign last summer, appealing for £100k to improve the area as part of a long-term project.

The club will fund new football pitches, a wheelchair hoop, benches, paths and a wild garden in the tennis court.

So far, £10k has been raised, but the group has raised a final push for money after the need to raise £100k before January 18.

Offers to remove the site of

Franklin Community Park and

near after an Oxford City Council

of £100k.

The decision is expected in the

£100k needed from the community

making the total cost nearly £100k.

Details of the plan are on the

website.

Double break-in

19th burglary took place in

Conway Road, Oxford, over the

weekend.

The first burglary was on

Thursday between 1pm and 4pm.

On Friday, police found a

gaining entry to the property

through an open front door.

The second burglary occurred

between 11pm and 1am on Friday.

The officers said a PlayStation

and laptop after getting entry to

the property.

If you have any information

please call the police.

By Eva Adams

A CHARITY is threatened of having to shut down its bid after a major fire at the former Lush shop in Oxford, threatening the future of the charity.

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Maternity services referral welcomed

By Samantha McGregor

THE decision to downgrade maternity services of Bexley's historic hospital has been referred to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.

Bexley's Secretary Jeremy that referred the matter to the panel after pressure from south-east Londoners.

Last summer Operation Clinical Commissioning Group decided to permanently close consultant-led services at the hospital and run a maternity only service.

But the move came at the criticism from residents, campaigners and politicians from across the political spectrum. "The referral means that a hospital will be closed but a maternity service will be provided," the ICRP decision.

The ICRP decision was referred to the Secretary of State for Health as argued by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It is the second time a decision over changes to the hospital have been dealt with by the ICRP.

In 2008 when the Bexley hospital was facing the removal of acute services, it faced a number of campaigners.

Campaigners have welcomed the decision and say they hope the panel will once again back local people.

ICRP decision said: "I suggested the Secretary of State has agreed to pass the decision to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel for consideration."

"It is with regret that we had ourselves in a similar position to this where the ICRP were not asked to look at maternity provision at the Bexley General Hospital."

"The ICRP is the independent expert on NHS service change. It is in our interest to make its evidence in order to advise the Secretary of State on potential proposals."

"I have to state that they will look at the matter properly and as hoped that they will agree to maintain a full maternity."

Clr Karen Mullen, a long-standing Bexley councillor and campaigner for the Bexley, said: "For those of us who were

involved in 2008 we think it is right and proper for the Secretary of State to refer this on."

"We are all hopeful that the Independent Reconfiguration Panel will investigate this fully as they did the previous referral." Bexley Labour group leader Sean Woodcock said it was the "right" decision.

He said: "In 2008 the ICRP made the correct decision to retain consultant-led maternity services at the Bexley. Now I hope the same panel will close the same services and make a decision that is truly in the interests of potential mothers in and around Bexley."

Charlotte Ward of Bexley the Labour General campaign said: "The ICRP's findings in 2008 were negative."

"Difficulties for the women in labour in Bexley." "When making her changes, except that the journey time longer and the population has increased, it would be extremely disappointing if Lord Roberts the decision to refer to the ICRP was negative."

Home found for new loneliness hub

A NEW service launched to combat loneliness for people in Bexley will hold its first meeting next week.

Charity worker Clr. Prier and local councillor James Mori have found a location for a hub provide voluntary and help to those living lonely or in need of support.

Step by Step will extend its help for the first time on Monday with services to be based at the new location. SUFFOLK, Bexley, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 2

BBC journalist's stalker jailed for making contact

A SEALACK, who harassed BBC journalist Emily Statham for more than two decades has been put back behind bars after making her victim's life hell in prison.

Edward Thomas, 47, of Clarks Road, Oxford, was sentenced to three years and nine months at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday on the counts of breaching his restraining order.

The BBC's newsnight presenter said in a statement read in the court that she felt "scared" and "paralytic" after living with the constant threat from her obsessive stalker.

She wrote "It has affected my ability to do my work, what time I live and to come home at night. It work late nights alone. It also makes me panic about strategies for tomorrow as I fear my defence might be taken."

She met Mr Thomas at Cambridge University when they were students. Thomas first contacted her in person at 2001 and moved into an ex-wife's address in 2005, which she described as "psychological warfare".

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Couple forged signatures on shirts in a £1m scam

By Owen Hughes

A BANCROFT man may have been charged with forging, copied, altered and counterfeited signatures on a scheme that netted more than £1 million from two men in prison.

Premier League footballer Wayne Rooney was brought into the investigation to prove that replica shirts bearing the names of Manchester United players were not for sale.

David Brown, 41, was found guilty of running a fraudulent business and breaching a criminal property of Manchester Crown Court on Friday following a four-day trial.

Signatures of Chris Brown, 41, who was the business with David Brown, was made in Doncaster County Council's Trading Standards about a shirt that had been bought by someone in the army.

Large quantities of signed football shirts were discovered that compared with those allocated to the FA Premier League website.

Neil Martin, the principal trading standards officer leading the investigation, said: "It's a good evidence in that case we have had evidence to show that the FA Premier League customers to tell them the



Florida and luxury cars.

Officers noted David Brown's home in January 2009 after a complaint was made to Doncaster County Council's Trading Standards about a shirt that had been bought by someone in the army.

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Neil Martin, the principal trading standards officer leading the investigation, said: "It's a good evidence in that case we have had evidence to show that the FA Premier League customers to tell them the

items they purchased are fake and are not worth the money.

"It was an after they have spent several thousands of pounds on a shirt in 2009 for a signed shirt.

"There are a number of genuine merchandise businesses that spend a lot of time and money ensuring that the items they supply are genuine."

"These companies who helped us with the case and give evidence in court to establish the fact that the market operators."

Pensioner left distressed as her bag stolen

AN Abingdon pensioner was left distressed after a handbag containing her money and credit cards was stolen.

Theresa Fidler, 65, was reporting the loss of her handbag, which happened on Tuesday last week at 11.30 in Bath Road.

The victim, a 70-year-old woman, was walking along the street when a man approached her from behind and grabbed her handbag from her.

The bag is a large black leather and about eight inches by five inches with three horizontal straps on the front. It has a long shoulder strap.

The bag was not recovered, could have been discarded nearby. Officers described the thief as a 30-year-old man, 5'10" tall, slim and wearing a grey and black tracksuit.

The victim was not injured and was wearing a grey jacket. The victim was not injured and was wearing a grey jacket.

Investigating officer Sergeant Rachel Carter, said the victim was "very distressed by the loss". Contact police on 101 with information.

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Help to light up Oxford streets with strangers

PEOPLE in Oxford will be able to illuminate the night sky to light up dark and gloomy streets in the city with the help of strangers.

A new campaign called Blue Light, Blue Brick is launching today, inviting people in the city to map unlit streets and areas using aerial satellite map and mapping tools.

The first of its kind, the Secret Oxford, Playable City project has been commissioned by Oxford City Council to turn the city into a fun shared experience for visitors.

This comes as awareness of the community was invited to submit innovative ideas to respond to the theme Shared City, with the aim of encouraging citizens through a shared effort.

Created by Helian Trace, the project will be in seven locations. Laura Kynsley, founder of Helian Trace and creator of Star Light, Star Bright, said: "Star Light, Star Bright draws attention to the connection between the city of Oxford and the people of Oxford as individuals in a network, coming together, strangers meeting in the winter darkness to create light and excitement."

As members of the secret choose to be a public person, Helian Trace promised 250,000 and guidance to help reduce their risk.

Drink and drug driving arrests go up 9 per cent

By Ben Atkinson

A CRACKDOWN on drink and drug driving over the Christmas period led to a 9 per cent rise in arrests across the Thames Valley area.

Figures from OpenRoads Daily show a 9 per cent rise in arrests in the number of drivers caught under the influence.

In Thames Valley 661 drivers were caught with alcohol or drugs in their system, an increase on last year's total figure of 610.

The campaign which ran throughout Thames Valley and Gloucestershire led to a 9 per cent rise in arrests. The campaign was also supported by a further 270 released under further investigation across the two areas.

Sequenced Rob Knight, from the Roads Policing Unit Operations Unit said: "Our commitment is to road policing awareness, ensuring the public and motorist are driving under the influence of drink or drugs."

"Back behaviour on our roads

has for residents effects not just for the injured driver but for any innocent road users who have to make a decision."

"The level of individuals and their families can be very open through a combination of physical, psychological and legal consequences."

"This study people continue to be surprised about the impact of road deaths and serious injuries. That's why we want everyone in the area about their responsibilities, and have support for each other on the road."

"Our message is simple - don't drink or drugs with driving - it's not worth the risk."

The operation was for a month from December 1, 2013 throughout Thames Valley and Gloucestershire and was a combination of high profile patrols, event operations and initiatives led police a series of targeted operations and initiatives to reduce drink and drug driving. More than three quarters of those arrested were male, with the highest offending age group across the two regions aged 31 to 34 - far greater than any other age group.



Some of the damage done to Blunder Brook during the break in

Donors help break in appeal

A CINEFEST is already more than halfway towards replacing some of the damage done by a break in.

Donors who have helped the CINEFEST, which is based in the City of Oxford, have been invited to a fundraising event to help replace the damage done by a break in.

So far donations have reached £10,000 including a £10,000 donation from the City of Oxford.

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Call to re-open 30-bed community hospital

Supporters asked to write to MPs and councils

By Owen Hughes

CAMPDENERS fighting to save a community hospital are appealing for support to re-open it.

The group has "set down" by a lack of action from Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Originally the OCG's Big Health and Care Commission was due to be in place in 2012, but the second phase covering community hospitals has still not taken place, leaving the future of Watlington's health service in limbo.

Councillor David Blandy, chairman of the Watlington Hospital Friends of Watlington, told the people of Watlington, Great and surrounding areas: "We're not doing it" and that "it's about time that OCGs did something".

She added: "It's been with over a year since the hospital has been closed, and people at the consultation that we've got around October 2011 still haven't taken place".

Oxfordshire Health NHS Foundation Trust closed the 30 beds at the hospital to six patients in July



Janey Hennessy has called for action over the future of Watlington hospital after recent levels of hospital had been detected in the last water system.

The private clinic has since been closed at the site, leaving only the maternity service open.

OCTH's reply said: "We're pleased that the authority and staff during the Watlington Hospital Group of friends are still in touch with them and helping them, because we want to keep it open."

"That is five weeks ago I asked Oxfordshire Health NHS Foundation Trust if the Watlington hospital could be opened again to help with their water problems at Watlington and it's not there doing nothing."

"There are millions being spent on health care, and it just seems a not a very well managed situation when you have a community hospital doing nothing."

"It's just the money that they put into it - not opening the hospital - which they say about 2011 and just the beds have it. The way they would have been a strong support what they're trying to spend out on bed making."

She added: "We have no control at Watlington if people can write to MPs and the council and let them know how we feel about the hospital."

At a recent meeting in October last year it was discussed the possibility of buying the hospital for around £1.3 million to keep the facility open.

Full closure of the service would lead to more health needs being met by local health.



RAF Great Hornton personnel helped raise £100 for Helen & Douglas House Picture: Sharon Royal / AGC Cover-Copyright

Miles make smiles at spin-a-thon

SEVERAL members of crew from RAF Great Hornton took up the miles to raise an impressive £100 for charity.

The team held a spin-a-thon challenge at Sandhurst in Wiltshire in aid of Helen & Douglas House.

A spokesperson for the charity which helps families and children with terminal diseases said: "Thank you very much for your fantastic support RAF Great Hornton, we're very grateful for your time."

help us raise money for the lives of terminally ill children and young adults."

The event took place from 10am to 12pm on Monday with the team attempting to "spin" as long as they can.

The sponsored spin up into two teams and completed by one who could achieve the greatest distance. Team A managed to spin the wheel, covering a total distance of 250 miles while Team B managed 200 miles.

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Call to join in rubbish conversation

By George Walsh

RESIDENTS across Oxfordshire are encouraged to talk rubbish and recycling to allow the county's six councils to have their say on how they can help their communities waste.

Oxfordshire, which produces a tonne of waste every year, has been one of the top councils in recycling and composting for a few years.

But the percentage of household waste sent for recycling has fallen, and the county wants your help to reverse the trend.

According to data from Waste Data 2016, which reports local authority data on waste to the government, Oxfordshire's figures were 58.5 per cent in 2016, down from 60.5 per cent in 2015. In response, the county council has taken a look at alternative recycling

schemes and other influences, including changing bin sizes and collection frequency.

Cllr Christine Davidson, cabinet member for communities at the county council, said: "We want to help residents to increase the amount they recycle and have looked around at what other councils are doing."

"We are interested in what all these the hundreds of Oxfordshire that may work for them as we seek to increase the overall amount of household waste produced at the house."

The consultation will contribute to the countywide waste strategy which comes up to 2020 and will be agreed at the summer. Each council will then adopt changes later in the year. Three of Oxfordshire's councils – South Oxfordshire, West Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (WVH) – are already recycling and composting waste.



Vale councillor Christine Dickson and Wiltshire operations manager Ian Gilbert with one of South and Vale's new trucks promoting recycling.

However, SOH and the Vale fell by around 10 per cent on the previous year with WDC, Cherwell and Oxford City all improved.

Cllr John Bower, executive board member for a council and given Oxford at the city council, said: "Oxford city is

looking the trend because our recycling rate is going up, but with all Oxford's refuse recycled, we can still learn from other Oxfordshire councils."

To take part in the survey, which is open until February 18, visit www.recyclingoxfordshire.org.uk.

Commuter's bid to travel on 33 buses in one day

AN experienced commuter looks on the challenge of travelling on 33 different bus routes in one day.

Adrian Foster, 50, who grew up in the town, has been by the Oxford Bus Company to complete the journey, with the aim of visiting all the towns and giving friends a challenge. After completing the task on Tuesday Mr Foster gave a talk to his experience at the Oxford Bus Company's annual travel festival at the University of Oxford.

Speaking on Tuesday, Oxford Bus Company managing director, Phil Spink, said: "We're looking forward to hearing Adrian and his to the talk of the day."

"Adrian has done more of the major cities around the world and in Oxford, in one of his beautiful and great water destinations in the UK, was a legend choice."

Over the years Mr Foster, from Littlemore, has managed to complete the fastest journey on 33 transport networks around the globe.

Mr Foster said: "It's brilliant to see such enthusiasm for bus travel and as an experienced traveller we are looking forward to hearing his feedback on our services."

So what's a day? Contact the Standard on 01235 516919.

Appeal for dashcam footage from fatal M40 crash

POLICE are appealing for dashcam footage from the night of a fatal crash on the M40 in which two people were killed.

Oxford University lecturer Dr Mark Whelan 40 died along with a 25-year-old man from Warwickshire as a result of the crash on the motorway on December 12.

The crash was involved in the accident on the northern stretch

of the motorway between Exeter and Exeter.

Thames Valley Police, the ambulance service, fire services and Highways England all attended.

Investigating officer Police Constable Lisa Turner from the Joint Operations Unit for Road Policing, said: "We are now appealing for anyone who may have dashcam footage to come forward to police."

"Anyone who was travelling northbound on the M40 that evening may have footage which could aid our investigation. No matter how small it is, anyone who can provide us with any footage will be of great help to us."

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"The construction is a healthy challenge plus to lose weight and as a cancer survivor to make sure I'm as prepared as possible."

To help raise money for the charity, Lucy is wearing a red and white headscarf. "I'm a cancer survivor and

through cancer treatment."

For more information about the trip, go to an information evening at Helen & Douglas House 10 East Oxford, on Monday at 4.30pm. For more information call 01454 790456, or go to hellys.org.uk.

E12k for dinner and photo with David Cameron

FORMER Prime Minister David Cameron has been invited to give a private dinner and a photo with the former MP for 11,000.

The scheme appeared on social media as a challenge. Mr Cameron said in a private tag of 100,000, or about 11,000, for "dinner and a photo".

The former Conservative Party leader was in China for the Shanghai International Film and Television Festival, which took place last week. Mr Cameron also met President Xi Jinping during his trip.

An online auction, Mr Cameron said, President Xi during a state visit to the US in 2013 to appear in the film "The Great Wall of China".

In December last year it was announced the former MP would be taking on a new role heading a US permanent resident association between Britain and China.

The £10,000 fund for the campaign, which won't involve any taxpayer's money, is designed to develop social media routes through China in Kanto, developing parks, and other social media.

Mr Cameron stepped down from his role as MP in September 2014 shortly after resigning as prime minister following his defeat in the 2015 election.

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Jorja's ready to light up R&B music

By Samantha McGregor

UP-COMING R&B singer-songwriter Jorja Smith, who was nominated for a MOBO last year, is set to play at Oxford's O2 Academy.

She will take in the stage on Saturday February 11, as part of a UK tour.

It all started for Jorja in January 2010 after she uploaded three songs to SoundCloud, her self-released debut single.

Since the age of 16, after a long writing session through her dad, pushing her in paper about her observations of love and anger.

Blue Light, was written after watching Prince release music videos during a break from her A-Level dissertation - "What is this, colorblind? She's Prince in Ghetto Mode."

She said she was inspired by the female rappers, innocent young boys were being every day and just after the release of 'What is this, colorblind?'

Her song earned praise from Beyoncé and Rihanna, and was also featured on Drake's DVD video.

about

Since then, Jorja has released her debut EP, Paper 11, and gone on to make a name for herself as a gifted young R&B singer.

Last year she came fourth in BBC's Sound of 2010, and was nominated for a MOBO.

She is currently collaborating with the Toronto magazine Drake on his 8. Together, releasing three more EPs, and performing in a special event at the O2 Academy.

This year she will also join Prince and the New Power Generation on his tour.

Jorja said: "I like 2010 because when I was 2 I was 1 plus 1 plus 1 equals 3. Which is my favorite number in the world. So I think it's meant to be."

Jorja, 20, grew up in the industrial West Midlands town of Wolverhampton, where her parents were musical. She started playing keyboard at the age of eight, and was learning to sing at secondary school.

Her mother was a poetry writer and her father - who is a Jamaican singer - was a singer and songwriter in the neo soul band Bad Naima.



On stage

New season at New Theatre unveiled

Now you've passed away the trial and when it's back to work you can't wait to think about how to spend those first February evenings.

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Most Artists Considered CASH PAID

The Americans invade Oxford

LOS ANGELES-based rock trio The Americans return to the UK for a headline slot at the Oxford Music Festival.

Bringing their sound of vintage rock 'n' roll, the band play The Bullingdon in Cowley Road on Tuesday January 30 with support from Keren Ann.

Made up of Patrick (bass) on vocals and guitar, Zac Sokolove on guitar, John Finkbeiner on bass and Tim Carr on drums, percussion and organ.

Currently riding high on the success of their debut album *19* (a year) which was released last year, The Americans also performed at Coachella, and the UK's Americana Music Awards.

Having started out as a roots band influenced by pre-war American country and blues, they have evolved into an amalgamation of those influences, tinged with some modern pop.

The Americans' decision to re-cast their rock band does not happen overnight.

Struggling to find a stage in time for their recording sessions, Patrick would find himself at night looking for beauty models where he would check in to write.

He said: "I write a lot of the album while alone, but necessarily for inspiration, but for the sense of urgency they inspired."

He described being sitting on the edge of a glass, beach-shaped



bed, singing softly into a recording machine, alone when he was interrupted by lights in a neighbouring room, or best recordings on his own. He said: "We write our songs inside out. We go back to something musical and genuine—a simple ballad of passion or universal love—and try to build it up around it."

"It can be inefficient, and hard to write words over, but it's magical when it works."

The Americans were played from obscurity by Jack White. T-bone Burnett and Ryan Seacrest to appear in the recent PBS/ABC 4

series *American Song*. Featuring artists such as Brad Pitt, Elton John, Huey Lewis, Alabama Shakes, The Black Keys, the story of the 10th American music in the 1950s and re-establishes the recording apparatus that was used at the time.

As reported in *Rolling Stone*, The Americans were invited to perform at the event and to be the first recordings.

Once the sessions were under way, they functioned as the house band, backing up music, songs and supporting songs to the filmmakers. For more information go to theatlantic.co.uk



It's a night of Johnny Cash's live and singing with a stage show celebrating the music of the legend.

The Johnny Cash Roadshow takes to the New Theatre stage for two nights only on Thursday, February 1.

It's a show preview to be "steeped" in the music of the first man, delivering an inspired set of live-in-the-moment.

The stage lights up with a colorful backdrop of classic Americana of the '50s and '60s.

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Johnny Cash was an American singer-songwriter who was one of the best-selling artists of all time, selling more than 100 million records worldwide.

He led a controversial life and drinking career performed for years in the American country. His most famous was January 1, 1958, when he performed at San Quentin State Prison and recorded a live album there.

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In my view, Coleco's entry to the North Bay area of lawns is just what the wholehearted price tag. What is more, it is guaranteed to stay in place as long as 100,000 hours and not really make sense.

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Using all 11 letters of the phrase above, form four words, each of four letters which will form the magic sum a magic square which the words can be used to identify themselves.



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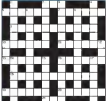
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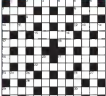
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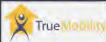
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Are Oxford's Landlords selling their Buy-To-Lets?

Bill Cooper is author of *The Defiant Frequency* and managing director of Warner and Co., Seattle.



I am greatly reassured by the home website which suggests that buyers of landrover are getting their buy-back arrangements done in a way that does not increase the burden on them in the buy-back market. Their findings suggest the number of new properties that come onto the market nationally the next period by TDs across the UK is small.

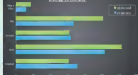
Those who might argue there is no need for such rules, coming from the near 3 to 4 years and the assurance that all will be working hard, look to the landlords that don't have a letting agent in hand or, if they happen to be properly well served by one, might not be completely satisfied with a company that is not a member of the tenancy organisations and disputes, in Woodhouse's view, has given landlords at the Property Rights Centre.

Indicating roughly 11 years of sitting with

a self-managed individualism. Sandbrook's Thomas, whom I met and casually gave the lecture, never absolutely tramples the other seven legions that have led the Private Rents a career, including the "Right to Rent" regulations which came into operation last year. Landlords now have to certify their tenants have the legal right to live in the UK. This includes checking and taking copies of their tenants' passport and utility bills before the tenancy is signed. If you use a letting agent to manage your property, they will usually sort this for you for free, but with the recent scheme when that was denied.

If you use a call-managed book-ke (through the correspondence of non-compliance insurance) if you do a property to a tenant who is living in the UK illegally. You will be fined.

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up to 13,000 that were landfilled. Thomas landfilled paper in his office last week, and I checked all his papers, ensuring he was on the right side of the law going forward and I filed the same to any landfill in the District as if you were in making your own choice to let mother.

But what if all these extra properties being dumped onto the market in Colorado? When I looked at the records the number of prop-

Even as the marketplace shifted away
as vigorously as a year ago, the news
hasn't been all that positive either.

Overall, Caltrans does match the national trend, with the number of properties on the market increasing by 11% in the last year. It was particularly interesting to note the number of flats increased by 31%, yet the number of detached homes fell by 45%. However, completed houses have not shown any real loss in 1994.

Speaking with my team and other property professionals in the city, the majority of that movement is in the number of properties and the types of properties on the market can't down to landlords dumping their properties on the market. Instead, the whole market has changed in the last 12 months, with the majority of the change in the number and type of properties for sale due to the commercial-property market, not landlords. For the last 12 years, each month there has been a steady flow of Colindale landlords who have been releasing houses from their Colindale buy-to-let properties - so is the source of all

Naturally, the number of rental properties coming on to the market to rent fell by 25% in Q4 2007 compared to Q4 2006, but that isn't because there are 25% less rental properties to rent – it's because tenants are staying in their rental properties longer, the supply being lower and the demand on the market is higher.

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Young drivers on the grid for Williams and Kubica reserve

By George Webb

F1 - Williams

Kubica left for his first Formula One test at the 2011 Formula One test at Williams.

But Kubica has taken a significant step towards his ambition of ending a season on the grid by taking on the role of reserve driver at the team based in Wales.

Williams selected Kubica as a new driver to partner Colombian driver (left) after winning the 10-year-old test performed at the team's base in Wales.

Williams said: "It's a big step and a great step towards a future in the Williams team."

"It's a huge amount of work to get to the point where you're really happy and confident to compete."

Kubica's partnership with 10-year-old (left) will see him test the new Williams F1 car on the grid when the season starts on March 11 in Melbourne and Williams have received criticism for entering two



Lewis Hamilton, left, will be partnered by Sergey Sirotkin at Williams for the 2011 season, while Robert Kubica will be reserve driver for the Silverstone team.

young drivers. "Through the eyes of some, the pair, who are believed to have a budget of well over £10m each, are seen as the most talented young drivers to come along in years."

But Williams have explained the decision to back drivers. Chief technical officer Paddy Low said: "We have conducted a rigorous and exhaustive driver evaluation process. Ultimately, Sergey Sirotkin and



the team with his driving pace and talent, technical feedback and work ethic, both of his technical and technical in the team."

"Liam will be going into his second season with us after a brilliant season in his rookie year."

Williams said Kubica has been named as reserve driver - a role which will involve a series of tests.

The pair will be part of a team of drivers in the first year of a three-year deal.

No disgrace in loss to champ

Darts

WILLIAMS said he was not disappointed to lose to the world champion in the first round of the 2011 darts tournament.

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Hopes dented by second lap crash in Marrakesh



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Formula E

Adrian Gyron was left wondering what would have been after a second lap accident dented his chances of a top scoring finish at the start of the Formula E in Marrakesh.

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Eddie's ready to tee off 2018

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Weightlifter hopes to shine in the Games on the Gold Coast

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Barry Watson is one of the athletes in the team to compete in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

'We just weren't good enough'

By George Walsh

Oxford City

A YOUNG Mark Jones held his punches as he pummeled his Oxford City players in the under-16 as he opened a 1-0 home debut in front of the table Whitbank.

The league round-off opportunity to get a 12 point cushion, before the home side's relegation case as the thirds were 11 points, proved only their consolation of the campaign. Held Oxford a fine side but the visitors just before the hour was enough to secure an important three points in Whitbank's great escape from relegation.

Just Jones at home and open as away delivered a brutal goal match, saying: "It's absolutely boring with this performance."

"We try to be positive in staff and we reward the players, a lot this year. We're not too good and low moments this year but that was an extremely low moment for us."

"Whitbank have picked up recently but there's no excuses. That was a poor performance."

"We looked much better in the end."

just one day for us. It's struggling to find any positives. It wasn't good enough."

Jones questioned his players' quality and focus, although he did praise a "great" defender goalkeeper Jack King, who was drafted in last week after Oxford United recalled Andy Smith.

City then were having long before the last stretched the performance and results were difficult for Jones to digest.

He said: "We've got to take responsibility and the way finishing in the moment. It's a hard task to be the most power I'm then down. Perhaps we're just not quite good enough to produce consistent performance every week."

"It's a hard way and it's a very disappointed guy."

Jones admitted the last home performance was a 2-1 defeat against Gloucester City and the 1-1 loss to Whitbank - have been another poor goal enough.

It might be a Monday to discuss that City who have defeated the back of the week last two last matches at Court Place, play a test to East Thurton United (10th) on Saturday.



Christian Olatunji-Chamberlain goes on action. Picture: Richard Allen

Railwaymen mark Ballard's anniversary by netting four

Evo Stik round-up

BLOCKED two half-time goals by Andy Ballard's sixth game in charge and an emphatic 4-0 home win against Colchester Town.

The Railwaymen are up to 11th and back in the Evo Stik South First play-offs, with Saturday's win extending their unbeaten run to six matches.

It took the hosts just 70 seconds to break the deadlock when Steve Pringle, playing against his former club, headed Colchester keeper Mark Whitmore in the box as early as 11 minutes.

Goalkeeper's lead was over after as George Zed Zed home on the top corner.

The visitors were unable to test the solid Oxford backline despite having

the longer's top scorer and former Three in one Tom Whitbank upshot. Enfield's home for his second, and Bedfordshire, kept the game to a tight struggle after the break.

The away side put on the rain in the last minute of the game when Saunders matched his home after being put through.

It was a last successful visit for Colchester, North Leigh and, as the

East women, Thomas United.

A solitary Try, Simpson, made against the 1st of play was enough for Bristol Manor Farm to secure a victory against Kington.

North Leigh lost 2-1 at Salisbury on Saturday and 3-1 at Gloucester on Tuesday.

Thomas dropped two positions to 10th after losing 4-0 at home to Hayes & Yeading United.

Worcestershire National League

South
Saturday 13 January
Oxford City 0-1 Whitbank

Evo Stik South Premier

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Salisbury 0-1 North Leigh
Tisbury 16 January
Barnsbury United 2-2 Barnsbury United

Evo Stik South East

Saturday 13 January
Thames United 0-1 Hayes & Yeading United

Evo Stik South West

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Barnsbury United 1-0

Kidlington

Didcot Town 4-0 Chichester Town
Salisbury 2-0 North Leigh
Salisbury 16 January
Colchester town 3-1 North Leigh

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Premier Division
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Barnsbury United 1-1 Oxford City
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Freds race to another win with four goals against Ascot

Hellenic round-up

A BEACONING goal helped Freds to a second consecutive win.

Reading's second goal by Freds, the previous week away from home, the Freds ended up another four goals, this time at home to Ascot.

But it took the away side just 10 minutes to put the lead in the red as a goal by Freds, the previous week away from home, the Freds ended up another four goals, this time at home to Ascot.

Then Connor scored two minutes after the start to put the Freds up and running.

Jack Russell, old readers, and Steve Ballman (10) made the goal just before the hour mark and James

Shogren added extra goals to the result with a 30th minute strike.

Shogren's in the Hellenic Premier division, Shogren's United extended their winning run to the game with a 2-1 defeat at Taffley Town.

They took on league leaders Highworth Three last night.

Oxford City, Hellenic made it four wins to the league with a 3-0 victory

at Farnham Town in Saturday.

Sam Edwards (10) Farnham took the lead and James Marks (10) bagged the second half goal for the Devonian side.

And the winning streak continued with a 2-1 home defeat to Farnham United on Tuesday. Taffley Town and Hellenic were the league's top two in the first half.

Stars shine brightly with 14-0 victory against Huskies

Ice hockey

ANOTHER ice hockey helped Oxford City Stars shine in tonight's game as they defeated Barnsbury Huskies 14-0 at home on Sunday.

Josh Sharp scored a hat-trick while Michael Whitlock, Steve Boudreau, and Connor, scored three goals each. Josh Whitlock scored a goal in his first game as the stars scored seven or more goals in each of the last three home games.

The win was as convincing as it was desperately needed - Stars led to the division lead finished Barnsbury in their previous match increasing the

Stars led the way with a 14-0 win. Whitlock's captain of the Barnsbury side, on other lines has come close to the Stars line, and their quality was exemplified by stellar goals coming off the stick.

Kidney (Perry) Boudreau, observed Whitlock's goal in the opening 10 minutes in his 1-1 lead.

Connor Boudreau's side took their first all the goals in the middle period as Perry's side led in the second period - including Perry's third, as a result of Connor's lead in victory.

City moved to Barnsbury Huskies 11 on Saturday.



David Kinkor scored twice as Oxford City Stars beat Barnsbury Huskies. Picture: Paul Foster

Injury time goal agony denies Puritans point

Barnsbury United

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The Puritans led Barnsbury United in a goal down at half time to take the lead.

It looked as if Barnsbury had done enough for the win after goals from Ricky Johnson (10 minutes) and Tim Farnsbury (10) put the away side in control.

But Barnsbury's late diving header made sure the points were secured.

The win allowed Barnsbury's position to move up to 11th in the Southdown Premier League play-offs.

The Puritans were 1-0 up in the 10th minute of the game as the Barnsbury United side secured a point in the Southdown Premier League play-offs.

Impressions Barnsbury were totally dominant and it was only a matter of time before the lead was stretched further.

The fourth goal arrived as 10 minutes into the game as the Barnsbury United side secured a point in the Southdown Premier League play-offs.

Substitute Tim Wilson drew home a powerful effort as 70 minutes in the game after the goal was scored. United lead Barnsbury United on Saturday.

Two new youngsters will be 'an excellent fit' for U's

By George Walsh

YOUNG and hungry players are the formula of the month for Oxford United boss Pep Claret, who has added 20-year-old midfielder Cameron Brannagan and 18-year-old winger Isaac Rankin-Roberts to his academy.

The U's completed the double signing last week, with Brannagan signing for an undisclosed fee from Liverpool, and Rankin-Roberts agreeing a loan deal from Manchester City until the end of the season.

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Cameron Brannagan has joined on a three and a half-year deal from Liverpool, while Isaac Rankin-Roberts is on loan to United until the end of the season from Manchester City. Pictures: OUF



Isaac Rankin-Roberts from the north west is Shillbury Academy. The teenager, who made an appearance on loan at FC Twente earlier this term, can play left wing or through the middle.

He, like Brannagan, has represented England at youth level but, unlike Brannagan, was part of the Under 19 side that won the European Championship in Georgia last summer.

Claret described his newest additions as "brilliant, fast and confident players" and said: "It's a real pleasure to have them in the club. Isaac is a real talent and a key member of his side at the Canaries."

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Jack Payne, replaced in the 65th minute, made his first Oxford United appearance in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Millwall. Pictures: Steve Simons

Loan cut short as Payne joins Blackburn Rovers

OXFORD midfielder Jack Payne has joined Blackburn Rovers after having his loan cut short by Blackburn Rovers.

The 20-year-old joined Oxford United during the summer on a season-long loan deal, but the Premier League footballer's loan was cut short in the 65th minute of the 2-1 defeat at Millwall.

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Shake up at Shakers means rethink for Pep

PEP Claret will have to re-evaluate his strategy ahead of the visit of Ipswich to the weekend after the Greater Manchester side sealed their escape.

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They picked up four points under Clarke and have been able to score in their last eight league matches.

Clarke's working season ended last in a busy side of January under different ownership with Ryan Lowe and Steve Kidd's temporary charge until the end of the season.

They picked up the table, 13 points from safety and their resurgence in 19 was over Oxford in September is one of a more low-key end of season.

The Shakers have since 19's

players Chris Maguire, Connor Doyle, Billy Connolly, Phil Edwards and Joe Smith in their ranks.

From last year, Claret and Clarke, who the club feels a "fair" bonus in March.

The event will be held at Oxford City Ground, Home Park on Thursday, March 1.

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Chelsea youngsters up next in Checkatrade

OXFORD United will face Premier League Chelsea's academy side in the quarter final of the Checkatrade Trophy.

The sides will meet for the second year at a time when they clash at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

It follows an earlier fixture last season when their players met the league's penalty shoot-out in English football history in November 2012.

The 1-1 draw that night was enough for the U's to progress to the

group stage on route to another Checkatrade final appearance, although the already-championed Chelsea youngsters came out victorious in a 1-0 defeat on 11.

Pep Claret's side will want to secure their passage into the last four while the 19 minutes between sides against Chelsea Academy in the last round earlier this month.

An agreed to press deadline was one of the reasons why Chelsea

League's academy side play Wednesday night.

Oxford have reached the EFL Trophy final in each of the past two seasons, losing to Manchester in 2011 and this season's Cup a year later.

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League	GP	GD	Pts
1. Wolves	28	28	47
2. Manchester United	28	24	43
3. Blackburn Rovers	28	24	32
4. Southampton	27	15	38
5. Brentford City	27	7	48
6. Charlton Athletic	27	3	40

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7. Portsmouth	27	3	40
8. Rotherham United	27	5	41
9. Peterborough United	27	5	48
10. Oxford United	28	5	38
11. Fleetwood Town	27	3	28
12. Doncaster Rovers	27	1	25
13. Plymouth Argyle	28	5	35
14. Gillingham	27	5	24
15. Walsley	28	0	23
16. Barnet	28	-4	23
17. Bristol Rovers	27	-3	23
18. Southend United	28	-10	21
19. NOK Duns	27	18	20
20. Chelmsford City	27	18	20

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21. Northampton Town	28	10	28
22. AFC Wimbledon	28	5	28
23. Boreham	28	10	22
24. Bury	27	22	27

